

REMARKS

1. After entry of this paper, claims 27, 28 and 30-33 are pending in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. It is noted that claims 28 and 30 stand allowed.

3. Claims 27 and 31-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 05-013005 to Wani et al. (Wani).

Claim 27 requires “side sections having a blunted triangular shape.”

In contrast, figure 1 of Wani shows a pad 11 with un-blunted triangular shape side sections. Further, reference numeral 6 in figure 1 of Wani does not identify a pad, as argued by the Examiner. Since Wani does not expressly or inherently described the claimed side sections having a blunted triangular shape, claim 27 and corresponding dependent claims 31-33 are allowable over Wani.

Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

4. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

5. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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